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SUBJECT: CCD: INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE

NEGOTIATING PROGRAM, MARCH 8, 1977

1. SUMMARY: FIRST INFORMAL MEETING OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE  
NEGOTIATING PROGRAM WAS HELD ON MARCH 8. NIGERIAN REP MADE  
STATEMENT CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE  
PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO GENERAL  
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AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. MEXICAN REP REVIEWED EARLIER  
UN RESOLUTIONS AND CCD DOCUMENTS DEALING WITH COMPREHENSIVE  
NEGOTIATING PROGRAM, AND CALLED ON US TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED  
VERSION OF ITS 1962 PROPOSAL ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE  
DISARMAMENT. NEXT INFORMAL MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 9.  
END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST INFORMAL MEETING OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM WAS HELD ON MARCH 8, IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLENARY, WITH PERUVIAN REP (ARIAS-SCHREIBER) REMAINING IN CHAIR. IN THE ABSENCE OF NIGERIAN REP (CLARK), WHO HAS PLAYED LEADING ROLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS ISSUE IN BOTH CCD AND UN, ALTERNATE NIGERIAN REP (FALASE) OPENED DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL STATEMENT. AFTER NOTING NIGERIAN CONTRIBUTION TO PERTINENT DOCUMENTS CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (UN RES 3470 (XXX), AND CCD WORKING PAPER CCD/510, NIGERIAN REP CALLED ON CCD TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS OF HALDTING THE ARMS RACE, AND IN PARTICULAR THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. HE SAID THAT BOTH NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS HAVE GROWN IN COST TO THE POINT WHERE THEY ARE RUINOUS TO THE WORLD ECONOMY, WASTING BOTH MATERIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES WHICH COULD BE USED TO MORE PRODUCTIVE AREAS TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF MANKIND. HE SAID THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND THE RESOURCES DEVOTED TO ARMS HAS NOT YET BEEN SOLVED. NIGERIAN REP AGREED THAT CTB AND CW WERE THE TOP PRIORITY ITEMS ON CCD'S AGENDA. HE WELCOMED THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON THESE ITEMS EXPRESSED BY THE TWO "SUPER POWERS", AND SAID THAT NIGERIA AND OTHERS WERE "LOOKING FORWARD ANXIOUSLY TO MAJOR POWER POLICY DECISIONS." HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT US STUDIES ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES (CTB AND CW) WOULD BE COMPLETED "SOONER THAN LATER." HE WELCOMED THE SWEDISH DRAFT CTB TREATY, AND SAID THAT IT WAS

UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO TAKE PART ON CTB NEGOTIATIONS AT THE OUTSET, THEREFORE, "TWO SUPERPOWERS SHOULD TAKE FIRST STEPS." HE UNDERScoreD THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPLETE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT IS THE ULTIMATE GOALS OF CCD, AND THAT PURPOSE OF COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM IS TO SERVE AS ROAD MAP IN REACHING THAT GOAL.

3. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) MADE A LENGTHY PRESENTATION READING EXTENSIVELY FROM DISARMAMENT DECADE DOCUMENTS AND VARIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT "STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE" BE GIVEN THE TASK OF DRAFTING COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM WHICH THE UNGA HAS ASKED CCD TO DO. HE CALLED ON THE UN EXPLICITLY TO SUBMIT AN UPDATE OF ITS 1962 DRAFT TREATY ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMEMENT (DOCUMENTS ON DISARMAMENT, 1962, VOL I, PP. 351-382).

4. NEXT INFORMAL MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9.CATTO

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